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1. FOLLOWING ARE NAMES OF 50 AMERICANS AND DEPENDENTS WHO
ARRIVED BANGKOK ON SPECIAL UNHCR FLIGHT FROM SAIGON AUGUST 1:.

MAURICE J. BAUHAHN

SHERMAN H. BENNETT AND WIFE CHUNG YEN BINH

SUZAN CANTON AND SON MICHAEL

YEE LEON CHING, WIFE DAU THI HUONG, AND CHILDREN
RICHAD JASON AND BAU THY

TRIEU KIEU CUONG WIFE, AND DU HUE BINH AND BROTHER TRIEU KIEN
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NGHIEP

LINH DAN

FONG DUONG FILLER

FREDERICK N. GULDEN

WILLIAM G. COOPER

E. KERRY HEUBECK, WIFE HICHAM NIBRIT AND SON FRANCOIS LAY NIE

PAUL LOUIS HORTON

ANDREW T. KAJI AND WIFE NGO THI MAU

SAN MEN MAN

HERMAN MC DONALD

RICHARD MORRIS MIELKE, WIFE MISTY SUONG MIELKE, AND DAUGHTER
MADELENE T. MIELKE

PERRY POLLARD, WIFE VAN THI HOANG AHN, AND CHILDREN DUNG
L AML HOA

GERALD POSNER AND FIANCEE TU THI NHAN

JOSE A. RIOS, WIFE NGUYEN THI XUYEN AND SON JOSE A (JIMMY)

FREDERICK A. RIVERA

WILLIAM J. SMITH

FORD W. THOMASEN

BAO TO AND BROTHER BAO KIEN MAU

MADELEINE MAI LAN MIKYO VERMINE

TOM ZIMINSKE
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MRS. LON THI RAGAN AND SON JOHN DAVID

MRS. HUYNH THI BA RESOR AND CHILDREN TUAN DONNIE
LEE RESOR AND TAI JERRY ALAN RESNR

MRS. HOANG THI BAKER AND CHILD JACKY DORIS

2. ABOVEMENTIONED PERSONS EXPRESSED NO OBJECTION TO DEPARTMENT CONTACTING THEIR RELATIVES. EVERYONE APPEARS TO BE IN GOOD HEALTH, ALTHOUGH LARGE MAJORITY ARE WITHOUT FUNDS.

3. FLIGHT PROCEEDED WITHOUT PROBLEMS. UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE TRAVELLING ON PLANE SAID SAIGON AUTHORITIES WERE QUITE COOPERATIVE. EVERYONE ARRIVED WITH SOME SORT OF DOCUMENTATION AND SHOT RECORDS.

4. THREE PEOPLE WHO WERE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE DID NOT: RICHARD MICHAEL HUGHES, WHO ASKED TO REMAIN TO FINISH UP SOME BUSINESS AND IS EXPECTED OUT IN SEVERAL DAYS; TERESA ANN REED, WHO DECIDED TO GO TO FRANCE NEXT WEEK TO VISIT RELATIVES; AND ARLO GAY. UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE CONFIDED THAT GAY JUST DISAPPEARED AND WAS THOUGHT TO HAVE ESCAPED VIETNAMESE SURVEILLANCE IN SAIGON.

5. A NUMBER OF PRESS PEOPLE WERE DISCUSSING CASE OF TUCKER GOUGELMANN. GULDEN THOUGHT THE VIETNAMESE AUTHORITIES WERE AWARE OF THOSE CONNECTIONS AND RECENTLY REMOVED HIM FROM PRISON AND TOOK HIM TO HANOI. GEORGE MCARTHUR OF LOS ANGELES TIMES APPROACHED EMBOFF TO ADVISE THAT SEVERAL REPORTERS WILL FILE STORIES ON GOUGELMANN TONIGHT AND THAT USG SHOULD BE PREPARED FOR IT. UNFORTUNATELY, THIS OCCURRED LATE IN THE DAY AND THERE WAS NOTHING EMBOFF COULD DO BUT LISTEN.

6. BOTH BENNETT AND MCDONALD WERE RELEASED FROM JAIL FOUR-FIVE MONTHS AGO. MCDONALD HAS BEEN LIVING IN DELTA (AN GIANG) EVER SINCE, UNTIL BROUGHT TO SAIGON TO CATCH THIS FLIGHT. KAJI HAD BEEN LIVING IN VUNG TAU. ONE VIETNAMESE WOMAN, HUYNH THI BA, MARRIED AT ONE TIME TO SOME-CONFIDENTIAL

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ONE NAMED RESOR, WAS COMPLETELY UNAWARE UNTIL YESTERDAY EVENING THAT SHE WAS TO LEAVE TODAY. SHE HAD NO IDEA WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO HER NEXT; POST WILL SUBMIT PROPOSAL SEPTEL.

7. LARGE PRESS GROUP WHICH GATHERED FOR THE EVENT APPEARED SATISFIED WITH HANDLING OF ARRIVALS. SEVERAL REPORTERS MADE EFFORTS TO DRAW OUT EMBOFFS ON WHAT VIETNAMESE RELEASE OF AMERICANS MEANT, TO WHICH WE REPLIED THAT WE HAD NO IDEA. WE MENTIONED OUR APPRECIATION FOR EFFORTS OF UNHCR, MONTGOMERY COMMITTEE, ETC., TO ASSIST DEPARTURES.

8. EMBASSY WILL DEBRIEF ALL ARRIVALS INTENSIVELY WITHIN NEXT TWO DAYS AND REPORT RESULTS.
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